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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for improved absorption and beneficial effects of Corosolic acid

for maintenance of blood sugar levels and weight-loss with administration of approximately 48

mg/day of Corosolic acid in a soft gel form.

2. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said soft gel form includes:

rice bran oil.

3. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in claim 2 wherein said soft gel form includes:

silica.

4. (Currently Amended) A soft gel capsule for absorption of Corosolic acid into an

intestinal tract and maintenance of for maintaining or lowering blood sugar levels and weight-

loss including comprising:

Corosolic acid.

5. (Original) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 wherein said Corosolic acid is

1% Corosolic acid.

6. (Original) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 wherein said Corosolic acid is

1% Corosolic acid alcohol extracted from Lagerstroemia Speciosa L.

7. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 further including

comprising:

rice bran oil.

8. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 further including

comprising:

rice bran oil; and

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silica.

9. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 further including comprising:

yellow bee's wax.

10. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 further including comprising:

yellow bee's wax; and silica.

11. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim [4] <u>10</u> further including comprising:

rice bran oil.

- 12. (Original) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 wherein said Corosolic acid is present in the range of 8 to 100 mg.
- 13. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 12 further including comprising:

50 to 500 mg Rice bran oil.

- 14. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 12 further including: 0.5 to 500 mg of silica.
- 15. (Original) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 12 wherein said Corosolic acid is 1% Corosolic acid aqueous alcohol extracted from *Lagerstroemia Speciosa L*.
- 16. (Original) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 wherein said Corosolic acid is 1% Corosolic acid aqueous alcohol extracted from *Lagerstroemia Speciosa L*.
- 17. (Currently amended) The soft gel capsule as defined in claim 4 further including comprising:

extract of Gymnema sylvestre.

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18. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacture of a soft gel capsule for absorption of Corosolic acid into a human intestinal tract and maintenance of blood sugar levels and weight-loss including:

heating rice bran oil to about 35° C in a container; adding a filler such a yellow bee's wax or silica; adding under vacuum 1% Corosolic acid; continuously stirring of all the ingredients; cooling the mixture to room temperature; nitrogen gas blanketing of the container; and encapsulating the above mixture in a soft gel capsule.